

RECOVERY OF THE LOAN GRANTED FOR LAND IMPROVEMENT IN RAMANAGARAM

441. SRI S. KARIYAPPA (Kanakapura).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state .—

(a) the number of persons in Ramanagaram Sub-Division who have borrowed money from the Government for land improvement ;

(b) the number of persons who have not paid instalments for the past,—

- (i) One year,
- (ii) Two years,
- (iii) Three years,
- (iv) Five Years and
- (v) more than five years ;
- (c) the steps taken for recovery of the amount ?

SRI N. HATCHAMASTHY Gowda.—(Minister for Revenue). —

(a) 2053.

(b) Number of persons who have not paid instalments.—

(i) One year	...	160
(ii) Two years	...	139
(iii) Three years	...	251
(vi) Five years	...	351
(v) More than five years	...	750

Total		1,651
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(c) Coercive steps such as issue of demand notices, Distraint warrants and Sale istihar have been taken to recover the overdue loans.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) *re: resignation of Municipal Councilors at K.G.F.*

SRI A. V. MUNISWAMY (Malur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the resignation of Municipal Councilors at K.G.F.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Municipal Administration).—
I state as follows.—

The Robertsonpet town Municipality consists of 23 members of whom five members tendered their resignation in August 1971. These were accepted by the then President. When the question of filling up of these vacancies and holding of bye elections was taken up, a writ petition was filed in the High Court of Mysore, pointing out the defects in the publication of the Calendar of events and secondly, the electoral roll was under revision in connection with the general elections to the Legislative Assembly and as a result, the bye elections could not be held. It may be mentioned here that shortly after resignation of the five councillors in August 1971 Sri C. S. Pannalal the then President of the Town Municipal Council also resigned with effect from 30th August 1971. Sri C. M. Armugam was elected as President in the Council of the remaining 18 members. The Council continued to function with 18 members so far.

On 23rd June 1972 a letter was received in Deputy Commissioner's Office from the Ex-Vice-President of the Town Municipal Council together with a copy of the joint resignation letter addressed to the President, and signed by 11 Councillors tendering resignation to their membership.

The resignation letter is dated 19th June 1972 and the reasons stated are as follows :—

“We are forced to resign from the Council as we are not satisfied with the present state of affairs in the municipality and the manner in which the Municipal Administration is carried on”

Incidentally, the term of the present Council expires on 30th July 1972 and general elections will have to be held on the basis of 1971 census figures which are still awaited.

In July 1971 certain allegations of irregularities in the Town Municipal Council were made by the K.G.F. City Congress Committee (R). These allegations related to heavy loss of revenue to the Municipality owing to corrupt administration such as by the allotment of valuable sites to the interested parties, non-collection of Mohatarfa, connivance of octroi evasion, tacit permission of encroachments, non-observance of rules in the purchase of materials like electrical equipment, etc. Government have directed to the Controller, State Accounts Department, Bangalore, to conduct special audit of accounts particularly regarding purchase of electric bulbs and fittings. The Assistant Controller after making a detailed investigation has disclosed several irregularities and stated that investigation by higher administrative authorities is called for rather than merely auditing the accounts.

(SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA)

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar has furnished a detailed report about the affairs of the Town Municipal Council, Robertsonpet and has recommended to appoint the Assistant Commissioner, Kolar Sub-Division, as Administrator of the Town Municipal Council, Robertsonpet from 30th July 1972. The Question of appointing the Administrator to the Town Municipal Council is being examined separately and orders will be issued within 30th July 1972.

SRI A. V. MUNISWAMY.—From the statement of the Hon'ble Minister it is evident that there are serious irregularities. May I know why proper steps were not taken to supersede the Municipality and appoint a Commission of Enquiry to look into the matter?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The term of the present Council will expire on 30th July 1972 i.e., after 10 days I do not think the question of superseding arises.

10-00 A. M.

Re: Bus accident between Gokak Mills and Gokak in June 1972

SRI C. T. GUDDAKAYU (Gokak).—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the bus accident in between Gokak Mills and Gokak on 25th June 1972.

*Sri Azeez Sait (Minister for Labour) I State as follows:—*On 25th June 1972 at about 1450 hours S.T. Driver Shivappa Jotiba Powar of Hukeri when driving Mysore State Road Transport Corporation bus No. MYF 3330 with 40 passengers from Gokak Road to Gokak, seeing lorry No. MYL 5193 coming from opposite direction, took the bus to the extreme left. The bus dashed against the road-side culvert. As a result, it toppled down in the ditch and 21 persons sustained injuries. Immediately 16 persons were treated in the local dispensary and the remaining 2 in the Civil Hospital, Belgaum. All have been discharged and none died.

So far no compensation have been claimed. The injured are being issued with notices to prefer claims for compensation before the Claims Tribunal under Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

An offence at Cr. No. 45/72 under Section 279, 337, 338 IPC and 116 Motor Vehicles Act, has been registered at Gokak Police Station. Accused Driver is arrested and the case is under investigation.

SRI C. T. GUDDAKAYU.—The Government has not clarified the main cause for the accident. Will you please inform us the main cause of accident?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—The main cause of accident is due to the negligence of the driver. The driver drove the vehicle negligently and he has not exercised due care and caution while driving the vehicle. The driver has been arrested and the matter is under investigation.